

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ex rel.*  
W. Benson Chiles and Chris Manthey,

*Plaintiffs,*  
v.

Case No. 21-cv-5743 (JMF)

COOKE INC., COOKE AQUACULTURE INC.,  
COOKE OMEGA INVESTMENTS INC., COOKE  
SEAFOOD USA, INC., OMEGA PROTEIN  
CORPORATION, OMEGA PROTEIN, INC., ALPHA  
VESSELCO HOLDINGS, INC. A/K/A OCEAN  
FLEET SERVICES, INC., ALPHA VESSEL CO, LLC  
D/B/A OCEAN HARVESTERS, BMO CAPITAL  
MARKETS CORP., GLENN COOKE, SETH  
GREGORY DUNLOP, GREGORY LAWSON  
DUNLOP, BRET D. SCHOLTES, AND  
MONTGOMERY DEIHL,

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

*Defendants.*

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff Relators W. Benson Chiles and Chris Manthey hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from the Judgment entered in the above-captioned case on January 3, 2025, which dismissed the amended complaint with prejudice and denied leave to amend.

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